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Docket No.: SHC0121 ✓  
  
Applicant: Satoru Tange ✓  
  
Invention: ✓ COMPOSITE SHEET AND PROCESS FOR  
MAKING THE SAME  
  
Serial No: 09/821,230 ✓  
  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 2, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application, applicants submit the following.

In the Official Action the Examiner has instituted a Restriction Requirement. In the Restriction Requirement the Examiner has taken the position that the application includes claims directed to two patently distinct inventions. Specifically, the Examiner has taken the position that Claims 1 and 2 (Group I) are drawn to a composite sheet and that Claims 3-6 (Group II) are drawn to a process of making the composite sheet.

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The Examiner takes the position that the inventions are distinct. According to the Examiner, the composite sheet can be made by another and materially different process than that set forth in Claims 3-6. As an example, the Examiner states that the composite sheet can be made by melting and bonding the layers together at different regions of contact.


The Examiner has indicated that in order to be fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement applicants are required to make an election as to which group of claims they would like to have examined in the application.

Accordingly, in order to be fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby elect to have Claims 1-2 (Group I) examined in the application.

Accordingly, entry of applicants' election and an early examination of Claims 1-2 on the merits is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 02-0385 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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